

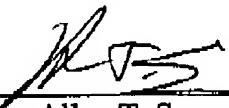
**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered prior to examination of the present application.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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